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1. AS SOON AS THE ISRAELI CABINET HAD DECIDED SUNDAY AFTERNOON TO AUTHORIZE FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN TO ATTEND THE LONDON TALKS, HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT, ELY RUBINSTEIN, TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR WITH REGARD TO SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. IN ANSWER TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM RUBINSTEIN, I GAVE HIM THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, SUBJECT TO CORRECTION IF NECESSARY. I SAID THE ISRAELI DELEGATION SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY, JULY 17, SO AS TO BE READY FOR MEETINGS ON THE 18TH AND 19TH, AS WELL AS POSSIBLY SOME INFORMAL CONTACTS THE EVENING OF THE 17TH. I EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD BLOCKED HOTEL ROOMS AT THE CHURCHILL IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO COVER THE ISRAELI REQUIREMENT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 ROOMS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT TWELVE TO THIRTEEN ROOMS WOULD BE AS MANY AS THE GOI WOULD REQUIRE, DEPENDING HOWEVER ON HOW MANY SECURITY PERSONNEL CAME WITH THE DELEGATION. THE MAXIMUM FOR THE DELEGATION
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ITSELF WOULD BE SEVEN OR EIGHT ROOMS. WE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR DETAILS CONCERNING HOTEL SPACE, OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS, AND COORDINATION OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES IN LONDON. HE SAID THEY WOULD INSTRUCT THEIR EMBASSY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY LONDON IN THIS CONNECTION.

3. RUBINSTEIN SAID THAT THE ISRAELI DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN, AMBASSADOR DINITZ FROM WASHINGTON, ATTORNEY GENERAL BARAK, MFA LEGAL ADVISER MEIR ROSENNE, PRESS SPOKESMAN NAPHTALI LAU-LAVIE, RUBINSTEIN HIMSELF, AND POSSIBLY ONE ADDITIONAL MFA OFFICER. HE VERY MUCH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT KAMEL WAS BRINGING A SMALL DELEGATION, INCLUDING EL-BAZ AND THE EGYPTIAN MFA'S LEGAL ADVISER. I SAID I WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN THE NAMES OF THE OTHERS FOR HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE ISRAELIS WERE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER THE EGYPTIANS PLANNED TO BRING ANY MILITARY ADVISER IN THEIR DELEGATION. IF THEY DO SO, THE ISRAELIS WOULD THEN DO THE SAME. IF NOT, NOT.

4. RUBINSTEIN SAID THAT DAYAN WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO HOW WE PLAN TO HANDLE THE MEETING AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I SAID I WOULD TRY TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR THINKING BY MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO PASS ON TO THEM. I SAID I ASSUMED FROM WHAT I HAD THUS FAR LEARNED THAT BOTH THE ISRAELI AND THE EGYPTIAN PEACE PROPOSALS WOULD BE ON THE TABLE FOR DISCUSSION AND WOULD THEREFORE BE THE BASIS OF THE AGENDA. BEYOND THIS, I COULD
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NOT GIVE HIM ANY MORE INFORMATION AT THIS POINT.

5. FOR CAIRO: WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE GIVE ME GUIDANCE AS TO HOW WE ANTICIPATE STRUCTURING THE AGENDA AND THE MEETINGS, EVEN ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS, SO I CAN RELAY THEM TO DAYAN.

7. FOR LONDON: FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN WILL BE BRINGING MRS. DAYAN WITH HIM. MY WIFE WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANYING ME (OBVIOUSLY AT MY OWN EXPENSE, AND THEREFORE I WILL NEED DOUBLE ROOM. WE PLAN TO DEPART TEL AVIV ON MONDAY, JULY 17, AT 1130 HOURS VIA LY015
ARRIVING AT 1530 HOURS LOCAL. WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD MEET OUR PLANE.
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